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Event: Indictment

Defendants: Radwan Qayed Almadrahi, 23, of Dearborn, Michigan

Ahmad Musa Jebril, 33, of Dearborn, Michigan Musa Abdallah Jebril, 65, of Dearborn, Michigan

MEN CHARGED WITH JURY TAMPERING

RADWAN QAYED ALMADRAHI (23), AHMAD MUSA JEBRIL (33), and MUSA ABDALLAH JEBRIL (65), all residents of Dearborn, were indicted on February 23, 2005 and charged with conspiracy to commit federal crimes (18 U.S.C. § 371), attempting to bribe a juror (18 U.S.C. § 201), and attempting to corruptly influence a juror to abdicate her sworn duty (18 U.S.C. § 1503), in violation of federal law. ALMADRAHI was arraigned on the charges today and released on bond; the JEBRILS will be arraigned in the near future. The indictment returned this week arises out of failed attempts to bribe or influence a juror sitting in judgment during the trial of Ahmad Jebril and Musa Jebril, which began on November 2, 2004 in Federal District Court.

The indictment alleges Ahmad Jebril and Musa Jebril, who were present in court during the *voir dire* of the prospective jurors on November 2, 2004, learned the identity and precise work location of Juror Nine. The Jebrils conveyed that information to Almadrahi and others as yet unnamed, and also told ALMADRAHI where Juror Nine was seated in the jury box. Following the first recess in the trial on November 2, 2004, after the jury had been seated and sworn, Almadrahi entered the courtroom in order to see Juror Nine, so that he and his unnamed co-conspirators would be able to identify Juror Nine when they went to her place of business to approach her and offer her a bribe.

On November 10, 2004, Almadrahi and several of his unnamed co-conspirators spoke to the fiancé of Juror Nine in the parking lot of the video store, told him that Juror Nine was

sitting in judgment in their friends' trial, and offered to pay her a substantial amount of money to vote to acquit the Jebrils. On the morning of the next trial day, Juror Nine informed the Court of the improper contact outside of the hearing of her fellow jurors. She was immediately excused from jury duty, and the Jebril trial was completed without further incident.

In announcing the indictment, United States Attorney Craig S. Morford commended the work of the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who conducted the investigation. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Cynthia Oberg.

"These charges underscore the seriousness with which my office and the FBI view attempts to interfere with the administration of justice and to corrupt our system of trial by jury, as well as our strong commitment to investigating and prosecuting these types of cases," said United States Attorney Morford.

A copy of the indictment is attached. An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.